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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Baden, Moedling, Kagran and Vienna 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 18 December 1952, officers seen at the buildings at Theater Platz and on Stalin Ring, Baden (O 49/X 37), included: 4 colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 8 colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 9 lieutenant colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 11 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 3 lieutenant colonels wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen there included: Sedans 25X1
 the latter two occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets; jeeps occupied by personnel wearing black-bordered red epaulets; jeeps occupied by personnel wearing black-bordered black epaulets; jeeps occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, the latter with tank insignia; jeep occupied by personnel wearing black-bordered black epaulets; and trucks occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets respectively. An SU-100 gun was seen in the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos 25X1
Sentries observed there were red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen at this installation included: trucks 25X1
 sedans radio truck and jeep 25X1
 all vehicles were occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 30 motor vehicles were observed in the garages of Helenenthalhof (estate). An officer and about 45 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with rifles were drilling in the former lumber yard, while about 20 soldiers repaired insulators on masts. 1 25X1
2. On 19 December, the following motor vehicles were seen at the former Bundes-gewerbeschule in Moedling : jeeps 25X1
 and occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets; jeeps occupied by personnel wearing black-bordered blue and black-bordered red epaulets respectively; 25X1
 occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and sedans the latter occupied by personnel wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Three radio trucks and four trucks were seen in the yard of the Myrtl Orphanage, while truck the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, and sedan were in front of the installation. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Seven armored scout cars and eight trucks were in the garages of the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse. Six trucks were seen in the yard of the 25X1

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installation. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.²

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3. On 18 December, 1 x 85-mm AA gun, 1 x 37-mm AA gun, 6 AA machine guns, a van-like truck with a cube-shaped antenna system on the roof, 2 van-like truck trailers, one mounting a dipole support, and the other a searchlight, and 11 trucks were seen in the AAA section of the barracks installation in Kagran (P 49/X 49). Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Eleven tank trucks and a tank truck trailer [redacted] with the trailer [redacted] were seen in the fuel depot. A JS-3 tank, an SU-100 gun and an SU-249 gun were seen in the ditch between the barracks installation and the athletic field. [redacted] and [redacted] all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, the latter with motor transport insignia, were seen en route from and to the installation.³

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4. On 18 December, about 60 motor vehicles, mainly trucks, and about 60 tank trucks were seen in the Wilhelms Kaserne and the Albrechts Kaserne in Vienna. Sentries at the two installations wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Wilhelms Kaserne; truck [redacted] was seen in front of the installation. Truck [redacted] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Albrechts Kaserne. Tank truck [redacted] was in front of the installation. The driver of the truck wore red-bordered black epaulets.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. Some of the motor vehicles observed near the buildings at Theater Platz and on Stalin Ring, Baden, were repeatedly reported. The bulk belong to the Central Group of Forces and the SGC. The motor vehicles seen at the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos belong to the Central Group of Forces.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The bulk of the motor vehicles observed in front of the former Bundesgewerbeschule in Moedling belong to the Central Group of Forces and to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. The truck in front of the Hyrtl Orphanage belongs to the 13th Gds Mecz Div and the sedan to the Central Group of Forces. The trucks seen in the yard of the former automobile and aircraft factory on Gabrieler Strasse, according to their numbers, belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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3. [redacted] Comment. According to motor vehicle number analysis, the tank trucks seen in the fuel depot of the barracks installation in Kagran belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div, [redacted] which belongs to the AAA unit stationed in Kagran. Two of the motor vehicles seen en route from and to the installation belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div, and truck [redacted] to the AAA unit stationed there.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicle numbers identified at the Wilhelms Kaserne and the Albrechts Kaserne are reported for the first time.

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